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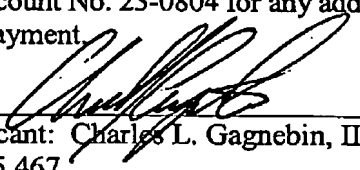
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Sir:

Enclosed please find with this letter a statement from the  
assignee, Nissei Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd., Nagano-ken,  
Japan, establishing common ownership of the subject application  
and US Patent No. 7,165,599. The '599 patent has been cited as  
a prior art to reject claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102/103.

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Please note that a response to Office Action has been filed on May 16, 2007, mentioning on page 14 that a statement regarding common ownership is being completed by the assignee and will be submitted subsequently. Applicants respectfully request that the statement be entered and the rejection be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

KIYOTO TAKIZAWA et al.

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Enclosure: Statement of Common Ownership

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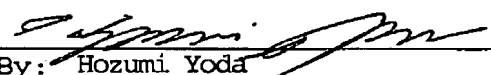
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**STATEMENT REGARDING COMMON OWNERSHIP OF A PATENT  
AND A PATENT APPLICATION**

Nissei Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd., Nagano-ken, Japan, (hereinafter, Company) states that US Patent Application No. 10/549,429, filed on September 15, 2005, and US Patent No. 7,165,599, filed on January 30, 2004, were commonly owned by the Company, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the Company, the inventors being Company's employees, at the time the invention of Application No. 10/549,429 was made.

The Company further states that the Company owned 100 percent of the subject matter and 100 percent of the claimed invention of the '599 patent and the '429 application.

NISSEI PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

  
By: Hozumi Yoda

Title: President

Date: June 5, 2007

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